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On November 13, 2004.

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**IN THE UNITED STATES  
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Invention: Sliding Quick Attach System )  
 Serial No.: 10/622,959 )  
 Filed: 7/18/2003 )  
 1<sup>ST</sup> Inventor: Hoffart, Ronald )  
 Examiner: Pezzuto, Robert E. )  
 Group Art Unit: 3671 )  
 Attorney: Michael S. Neustel )

To: **MAIL STOP FEE AMENDMENT**  
**Commissioner of Patents**  
**P.O. Box 1450**  
**Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

**APPLICANT'S RESPONSE TO  
FIRST OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 14, 2004**

Dear Sir:

**A. PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR 1.136(a))**

1. This is a petition for an extension of the time for a total of One (1) Month to file an Amendment and Response to the outstanding Office Action dated July 14, 2004. The granting of this extension will extend the response time until November 15, 2004 (November 14 is a Sunday).
2. Applicant is a small entity that has already been asserted by the Applicant.
3. Calculation of the extension fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)-(d)):

<u>Extension Time</u>	<u>Fee (Large Entity)</u>	<u>Fee (Small Entity)</u>
[X] One Month	\$110.00	\$55.00
[ ] Two Months	\$430.00	\$215.00
[ ] Three Months	\$980.00	\$490.00

4. A check in the appropriate amount has been included with this response. Please charge any insufficiency of fee, or credit any excess, to **Deposit Account No. 501248**.